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SUBJECT: POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION
EXHIBITION, SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 9 - 12, 1975

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1. POST CONDUCTED MARKET RESEARCH ON POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT INDICATED THAT THERE IS QUOTE GROWING UNQUOTE MARKET FOR OIL POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT WHICH QUOTE THOUGH CURRENTLY SMALL WOULD SEEM TO HAVE HIGH POTENTIAL UNQUOTE. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OIL POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS INCLUDING CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS, BOOMS, PUMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR RIGS IS US\$600,000 PER YEAR, GROWING BETWEEN 20- 25 PERCENT PER YEAR. HOWEVER, INTEREST IS HIGH IN NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR THIS MARKET SEGMENT DUE TO MAJOR OIL SPILL FROM JAPANESE SUPER TANKER SHOWA MARU IN SINGAPORE STRAIT LAST JANUARY. INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT REPERCUSSIONS MAY LEAD TO TIGHTER POLLUTION CONTROL ON OFFSHORE RIGS AND PUMPING SYSTEMS BY GOVERNMENTS OF INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

2. THE NEW INCINERATOR PROJECT AT ULU PANDAN, EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY 1979, WILL COST APPROXIMATELY US\$55 MILLION, OF WHICH WORLD BANK HAS AGREED TO FINANCE \$25 MILLION. THE INCINERATOR WILL DISPOSE OF ALMOST ONE HALF (QNWPP METRIC TONS) OF THE DAILY SOLID WASTE EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED
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BY 1980 (2,600 METRIC TONS PER DAY). WORLD BANK

REPORTEDLY PROJECTS SOLID WASTER OUTPUT BY 1986 WILL
BE 3,800 METERIC TONS DAILY. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY US\$1 MILLION WILL BE
BUDGETED ANNUALLY FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF
POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE INCINERATOR (NO
GROWTH FORECAST). MAJOR ITEMS TO BE PROCURRED ARE
ELECTRO-STATIC PRECIPTATORS, AFTERBURNERS, FANS
AND BLOWERS.
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